

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 6850

Joint Petition of Citizens Communications Company, d/b/a)
Citizens Energy Services to sell, and Vermont Electric)
Cooperative, Inc. to purchase, Citizens' Vermont Electric)
Division distribution assets and a portion of Citizens')
transmission assets; and petition of VEC seeking authority)
for the issuance of financing and related transactions)
necessary to effectuate the acquisition¹)

Order entered: 6/22/2010

ORDER RE COMPLIANCE FILING

On February 16, 2010, Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("VEC") filed a letter requesting Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") approval of a reclamation plan for its retired East Hill Substation in Eden, Vermont. VEC included in its request a work plan from The Johnson Company, an environmental engineering firm retained by VEC to assist the utility with the retirement of VEC's East Hill Substation.

In a May 5, 2010, memorandum, Board staff requested additional information with regard to soil sampling tests and remediation plans.

On May 17, 2010, VEC filed the requested additional information, along with a revised work plan, dated May 11, 2010. The revised work plan included clarifications on the soil sampling tests to be conducted at the substation and the clarification that, if contamination is found, VEC would implement remediation measures before any continued use of the substation property.

No comments were received from any of the other parties regarding the proposed work plan.

1. VEC purchased Citizens Communications Company, d/b/a Citizens Energy Services, on April 1, 2004.

We have reviewed the updated work plan and have determined that it is acceptable. According to the updated work plan, following the completion of investigatory work and receipt of all analytical data, a detailed report of the site assessment activities will be prepared for filing with the Board. The report will include a characterization of site conditions, and, if contamination is present, a discussion of remedial action alternatives. VEC shall provide the Board with a copy of the site assessment report. VEC shall also provide copies of this report to the Department of Public Service and the Agency of Natural Resources.

If remedial actions are recommended in the site assessment report, the Board reserves the authority to review any remediation measures that VEC might implement. Therefore, if contamination is found, VEC shall not implement any remedial measures without prior Board approval, except for any measures that are necessary to prevent an imminent threat to public health and safety.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 22nd day of June, 2010.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: June 22, 2010

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.